quantity of 15,000 MTs of red chillies for procurement by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) during the period 20th March to 15th June, 2001.

Production and marketing of green vegetables, fruits and flowers

†4291. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of plans for production and marketing of green vegetables, fruits and flowers in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan for construction of cold storage for preserving green vegetables, fruits and flowers in all the district headquarters of Bihar;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to provide money to Tirhut Agriculture College, District Muzaffarpur, for this purpose; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has been implementing schemes for the development of fruits, vegetables and flowers in the country till October, 2000. Since then the schemes have been subsumed in the scheme for macro management mode which provides flexibility to the States to pursue these programmes as per their needs. Besides, National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme "Development of Commercial Holrticulture through post harvest management". The scheme envisages production of high quality commercial crops including fruits, vegetables and flowers, strengthening of post harvest management and marketing. Under the scheme back ended capital investment subsidy @ not exceeding 20% of the total project cost with a maximum limit of Rs. 25 lakhs per project is provided to those projects which are found technically and financial viable.

(b) The National Horticulture Board is also implementing a scheme "Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme" for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storages and storages for horticulture produce. The scheme is demand based and applicable only in those States/UTs/areas, which do not control rentals for cold storages under any statutory or administrative order. The scheme is applicable in six proposals in the State of Bihar after August, 2000.

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In addition to above, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) an organization under the Ministry of Commerce, has initiated the following programmes :

(i) Integrated programmes for pre and post harvest management;

(ii) Preparation of Post harvest manuals in regional languages to educate farmers/growers;

(iii) Promotion of pack house concept in the production areas including cold chain linkage right from farm to the consumer; and

(iv) Vapour heat treatment to control flies in horticulture produce on pilot scale.

(c) and (d) The Government has no proposal to provide funds to Tirhut Agriculture College, District Muzaffarpur. If Tirhut Agriculture College desires to have cold storage they may avail financial assistance as per pattern of the scheme.

Production of seeds in public sector

†4292. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether seeds are being produced in the Public Sector in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the Public Sector Institutes enaged in the production of seeds; and

(c) the types of seeds being produced annually by each of those institutes, the average quantum and the details of targets laid for the ensuing years by these institutes, for increasing the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Central Government, two Public Sector Undertakings, namely, National Seeds Corporation Ltd. (NSC) and State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) are engaged in seed production. Besides, the following States also have their State Seeds Corporations, *viz;*

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